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SUBJECT:AFRICAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. COMMERCE/STATE PREPARING TO HOLD SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI FEBRUARY 20-24, 1978. EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR POST PARTICIPANTS, WILL BE EQUALLY SHARED BY COMMERCE AND STATE. CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S EXPORT EXPANSION POLICY, TRADE POLICY, THE ROLE OF THE CCP AND CAP, PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS AFFECTING SMALL POSTS, CAREER MANAGEMENT, ETC.

2. UNLIKE EARLIER CONFERENCES WHICH HAD BROADER PERSPECTIVE, SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE PROGRAMMED FOR, AND BE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO, THOSE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK AS OPPOSED TO PURELY ECONOMIC CONCERNS. THEREFORE, COMMERCE/STATE ARE INVITING THE OFFICERS LISTED BELOW BASED UPON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH ARE THE SENIOR OFFICERS AT EACH POST PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL WORK. IF ANY SELECTED OFFICER IS SCHEDULED FOR REASSIGNMENT SHORTLY AFTER CONFERENCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ANOTHER OFFICER INVOLVED IN COMMERCIAL WORK FROM THAT POST BE DESIGNATED TO ATTEND.

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MONROVIA: C. FRANKLIN FOSTER
NAIROBI: EDWARD R. STUMPF
NAIROBI: FRANK R. ADAMS
NAIROBI: LARRY C. WILLIAMSON
N'DJAMENA: DANIEL R. LANG
NIAMEY: DOUGLAS A. HARTWICK
NOVAKCHOTT: PAUL E. ARMSTRONG
OUAGADOUGOU: THEODORE M. FORD
PRETORIA: HERMAN J. ROSSI
YAOUNDE: JOHN C. HOLZMAN

3. DRAFT AGENDA WILL BE CABLED SHORTLY. COMMERCE AND STATE WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL AGENDA TOPICS POSTS MAY WISH TO SUGGEST, BUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL DRAFT AGENDA HAS BEEN RECEIVED. ALTHOUGH AGENDA INCLUDES PRESENTATIONS BY WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, IT IS ENVISIONED THAT CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST LARGELY OF

DISCUSSIONS AND DIALOGUE SESSIONS.

4. CONFERENCE WILL BE PRECEDED BY RECEPTION FEBRUARY 20, THE EVENING BEFORE THE BUSINESS SESSIONS BEGIN. ATTENDEES SHOULD TIME THEIR ARRIVAL FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 OR EARLY ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, TO ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION AND DEPART ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25. OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

5. DRAFT AGENDA INCLUDES AN OPTIONAL AFTERNOON
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SESSION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, FOR SUB-AREA MEETINGS. INVITED CONFEREES WHO WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY COMMERCE, STATE AND NAIROBI NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15 RECOMMENDING SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSTS WHICH SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE SUB-AREA MEETING. ADVANCE SCHEDULING OF THESE SESSIONS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BECAUSE CONFEREES AND PLANNERS NEED TO MAKE TRAVEL AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

6. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM BY JANUARY 10, 1978 OFFICERS WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CABLE TRAFFIC CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE "ATTENTION EB/OCA AND USDOC/BED/MARINO". AN INFO COPY OF ALL MESSAGES SHOULD BE SENT CONFERENCE CONTROL OFFICER IN NAIROBI, LARRY WILLIAMSON. UNLESS IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, NAIROBI WILL BOOK RESERVATIONS AT INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24. DAILY RATE FOR SINGLE IS APPROXIMATELY 35 DOLLARS. ANY OFFICER WHO MUST ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 DUE TO TRAVEL CONNECTIONS, PLEASE NOTIFY NAIROBI/ WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY FOR HOTEL RESERVATION ADJUSTMENT. EACH ATTENDEE SHOULD CABLE NAIROBI/ WASHINGTON ASAP CONCERNING DATES AND HOURS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. DUE TO TIGHT SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCE, IT IS URGED THAT ALL CONFEREES PLAN TO STAY AT INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL SINCE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT HOTEL OR TRANSPORTATION TO CONFERENCE SITE WILL DEPART FROM THAT HOTEL. SINCE THERE IS A PENALTY FOR LATE CANCELLATION OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS, CONFEREES ARE URGED TO NOTIFY NAIROBI AT ONCE WHEN A CHANGE IN RESERVATION IS REQUIRED.

7. SEPTELS WILL FOLLOW GIVING FISCAL DATA FOR CONFERENCE, DRAFT AGENDA AND NAMES OF WORKSHOP AND PANEL DISCUSSION LEADERS. CHRISTOPHER

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